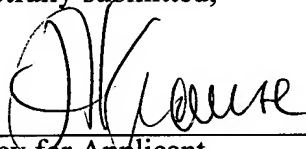


## REMARKS

An inadvertent error was noted in Claim 4 wherein, in the next-to-last line, the word "lower" was incorrectly substituted for the word "higher". In particular, the claim states that a number of bits in the second mode "for high gradation reading is lower than a number of bits in the first mode". Instead, at Page 16 of the Specification it states that in the second mode for high gradation reading the number of bits is higher than in the first mode. Accordingly, Claim 4 has been corrected to change "lower" to higher in the next-to-last line..

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